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SUBJECT: REPLY TO CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PM ECEVIT

1. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:
"YOUR THOUGHTFUL AND HEARTENING MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED. YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO BE DIRECTED TOWARD OUR COMMON GOAL OF A LASTING PEACE FOR ALL MANKIND. I AM GRATIFIED BY YOUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE LONG STANDING FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD." END TEXT.

2. FYI: THE PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE WAS AS FOLLOWS: MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR ASSUMING THE HIGH OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND MY HEARTFELT WISHES FOR YOUR COMPLETE SUCCESS. IT IS MY FIRM CONVICTION THAT THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL FURTHER DEVELOP IN EVERY FIELD BILATERALLY AND

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WITHIN THE FRAME WORK OF THE NATO ALLIANCE. I AM

CONFIDENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY'S ENDEAVOUR TOWARDS REDUCING INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AS THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL REINFORCE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD AND WILL FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE. PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, MY MOST SINCERE WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. BULENT ECEVIT, PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY.

3. NEITHER THE DEPARTMENT NOR WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT OF REPLY BUT HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOT. INGERSOLL

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